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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 30, 2001

PETITION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC010220

For Extended Local Service from
Verizon South Inc.'s Jewell Ridge
Exchange to its Big Prater, Richlands,
and Tazewell Exchanges and to Verizon
Virginia Inc.'s Davenport, Honaker,
and Lebanon Exchanges

ORDER DIRECTING POLL

On October 24, 2001, telephone subscribers in Verizon South Inc.'s ("Verizon South") Jewell Ridge exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to Verizon South's Big Prater, Richlands, and Tazewell exchanges and to Verizon Virginia Inc.'s Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges. On October 24, 2001, the Commission accepted a cost study from Verizon South that was used to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that will result from the extension of local calling.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed and that Verizon South should poll its subscribers in the Jewell Ridge exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to the Big

Prater, Richlands, Tazewell, Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010220.

(2) Verizon South shall poll its Jewell Ridge exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Big Prater, Richlands, Tazewell, Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges, and Verizon South shall file the results of its poll with the Commission on or before March 4, 2002.

(3) This matter shall be continued for further orders of the Commission.